



peace begins with us

An art journal that encourages Romanian students to produce words or visual art related to the idea of creating and promoting peace. Selected works will be displayed in a collaborative journal, which will be available for download and distribution on the Peace Corps Romania website <http://www.peacecorps.ro/peacebeginswithus>.

PROMPTS: The theme of the journal is the cultivation and sustainment of peace. However, the following prompts are available for students to consider and use when developing their work:

- a. Considering international events, imagine that Romania has been occupied by a foreign force. Write about a potential experience and/or what life might be like for you if your nation became a conflict zone. You are encouraged to draw upon the experiences of previous Romanian generations and their exposure to limited economic and social freedoms.
- b. What is the relationship between peace and freedom?
- c. What do you see as your individual responsibility for building peace in your nation, region, and/or world?
- d. How does identity and awareness foster peace and create conflict, e.g. national identity, sexual identity, class identity, religious identity, etc.?
- e. Can "peace" that is maintained through force or military presence, e.g. UN forces or international forces, truly be genuine? Using a historical or contemporary example, make an argument for what "peace" is and what -- if any -- role peacekeeping forces play in this.
- f. Capture an image demonstrating how peace can be achieved between a group of people and an individual with different beliefs or different identities.
- g. Show how individuals build peace in their relationships with their family, neighborhood, community, nation, and even world.

Students are free to respond to any prompt for any medium, but the selection committee will consider all works related to the journal's theme.

FOR ALL SUBMISSIONS:

Include a cover letter with your full name, email address, school, town and title of your submission(s). If you have decided to respond to one of our prompts, please include the prompt in your cover-letter. For an example of a sample cover letter, please go to <http://www.peacecorps.ro/peacebeginswithus>. Put your full name in the top right corner of every submitted page.

DEADLINE: *The deadline for submissions is February 1st, 2009.*

FOR WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS (POETRY, FICTION, AND NONFICTION):

Submit your work as a Microsoft Word document, with normal margins and double-spaced font. Use Arial font with 10 pt. size.

POETRY: Please submit to pbwu.poetry@gmail.com

Limit 3 submissions per student. Limit each submission to 4 pages or less.

FICTION: Please submit to pbwu.fiction@gmail.com

Limit 1 submission per student. Limit submission to 4 pages or less.

NONFICTION: Please submit to pbwu.nonfiction@gmail.com

Limit 1 submission per student. Limit submission to 1,000 words or less.

FOR VISUAL SUBMISSIONS (PHOTOGRAPHY AND STUDIO ART):

Submit your work as a scanned jpeg file, with minimal compression and no reduction in dimensions. Include 3-4 lines in English, explaining how your work relates to the cultivation of peace or to your selected prompt.

PHOTOGRAPHY: Please submit to pbwu.photo@gmail.com

Limit 3 submissions per student

STUDIO ART: Please submit to pbwu.visual@gmail.com

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